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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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FRANKFURT FOR FRDCO: DPEARTMENT FOR OC/P: VIENNA FOR MAIL & POUCH

REF: (A) STATE 227217 (B) BUCHAREST 5368 (C) BUCHAREST 5278

1. CRO MET WITH AIRPORT COMMANDANT SEP 21 TO RESOLVE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNOURED DURING RECENT COURIER EXCHANGES. BASED ON ROMANIANS' SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, HAVE AGREED UPON FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

A. EMBASSY VEHICLE WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED BLANKET ACCESS TO TARMAC FOR EXCHANGE.

B. COURIERS AND EMBASSY PERSONNEL MUST PROCEED TO DEPARTURE AREA IN AIRPORT ERMINAL BUILDING FOR EXCHANGE. IN EVENT OF HEAVY LOAD, EMBASSY VEHICLE WILL BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO BUS LOADING AREA ADJACENT TO DEPARTURE GATES FOR LOADING OF POUCHES.

C. IN EVENT OF EXTREMELY LARGE LOAD, WITH PRIOR NOTIFICATION, EMBASSY VEHICLE WILL BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO TARMAC FOR PLANE-SIDE EXCHANGE. EACH ACESS MUST BE REQUESTED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS PRIOR TO THE EXCHANGE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INSTRUCT ALL INBOUND COURIERS TO PROCEED ON AIRPORT BUS TO TERMINAL BUILDING FOR EXCHANGE. IN EVENT OF HEAVY/LARGE/NUMEROUS LOAD, REQUEST PRIOR TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION.

3. COMMENT: DO NOT BELIEVE THESE NEW PROCEDURES ARE HARRASSMENT OR DIRECTED SOLELY AT U.S. OR OTHER ESTERN MISSIONS. APPEAR TO BE A GENERAL TIGHTENING OF SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT WHICH IS SHARED MILITARY/COMMERCIAL USE. AIRPORT COMMANDANT IS SOLICITOUS, AND HAS AGREED TAKE SPECIAL MEASURES TO FACILITATE THESE PROCEDURES

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INCLUDING RESERVED PARKING FOR EMBASSY VEHICLE AT AIRPORT ENTRANCE,

ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PASS FOR LN EMPLOYEE TO ACCOMPANY US EMPLOYEE
DURING EXCHANGE. INITIAL EXCHANGE UNDER THESE PROCEDURES WILL
OCCUR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. IF ANY DIFFICULTIES OCCUR WILL
REPORT TELEGRAPHICALLY.
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